meeting of the Federation of Indian Export Organisation held on 2-5-1990 at Madras where Chief Controller of Imports and Exports was also present;

(b) whether the JCCIE officials present there contended that it was due to inadequate staff position; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to augment the staff strength?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir, the issue was raised by Regional Chairman (FIEO) in the Import-Export Policy Workshop held at Madras on 2-5-1990.

(b) and (c) It was suggested by CCI&E that specific complaints regarding alleged corruption should be brought to Government's notice to enable pointed investigation into the matter and punishing of the guilty persons, if any. It was also mentioned by CCI&E that in order to reduce delays occuring due to the shortage of staff in relation to the increased work-load in the areas of import licensing and disbursement of Cash Assistance, certain proposals for sanctioning of additional staff have been submitted for Government approval. The proposals for staff increase are under Government's examination.

Utilisation of Services of Technical Consultancy Organisations

1707. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to utilise the services of Technical Consultancy Organisations set up by IDBI, IFCI and ICICI after the formation of SIDBI;

(b) whether it is a fact that these organisations are likely to become sick as they cannot offer services at low cost to SSI units in backward region; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to revive these organisations to enable them to help small entrepreneurs

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANI SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Technics Consultancy Organisations (TCOs) are basically designed to carry out industrial potential surveys and render technics consultancy services for the development of small and medium industries in the respective jurisdictions. Thus, even after formation of SIDBI, services of TCC would be needed by the sponsoring all India financial institutions. TCOs wi also be functionally associated wit SIDBI.

IDBI and other financial institutior have been giving specific assignments 1 TCOs in the fields of surveys, sped; studies, entrepreneurial development programmes etc. In addition, IDBI giving them support towards training < personnel so as to enable them 1 develop necessary expertise in the organisations. The sponsoring institutior have also augmented their share capit over the years. So far as the assignments for the small scale secter industries are concerned, IDBI operating a scheme for subsidising the modernisation and rehabilitatic assignments, under which subsidy is give TCOs. TCOs have also been advised the they should develop an appropria business-mix so as to achieve viability their operations while performing the promotional role.

It has been reported by IDBI that per latest financial results available f< the year ended 31st March, 1989, number of TCOs viz. those in J&l Guwahati, U.P., West Bengal, Gujara Tamilnadu, Haryana, Himachal Prades Maharashtra and Punjab had been able generate cash surpluses. Other TCOs a expected to stabilise their financial position with the development appropriate business-mix and with high business turn-over.